

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1           1.       (Currently amended) A method for configuring a database,  
2 comprising:  
3            requesting database configuration information from a directory server that  
4 stores configuration information for a plurality of database instances;  
5            in response to the request, receiving the database configuration  
6 information from the directory server;  
7            automatically configuring the database with the database configuration  
8 information received from the directory server;  
9            receiving a request for resources at the database from a user;  
10           determining if the user is an enterprise user;  
11           ~~if so,~~ querying the directory server for a user profile associated with the  
12 user;  
13           receiving the user profile from the directory server; and  
14           allocating resources to the user based on parameters specified in the user  
15 profile;  
16           whereby the database server ~~can be~~ installed without manual  
17 configuration by a user.

1           2.       (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the database is  
2 structured as a database server, and wherein the database configuration  
3 information includes service-related settings for the database server.

1           3.       (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the database  
2 configuration option can include:  
3           an audit trail;  
4           a security model;  
5           a security protocol parameter;  
6           a maximum sessions parameter;  
7           a database block size;  
8           an optimization mode parameter; and  
9           an OLAP features parameter.

1           4.       (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the configuration  
2 information can include an Access Control List (ACL), wherein the ACL lists  
3 objects and services available on the database server and which hosts have  
4 permissions to use the objects and the services.

1           5.       (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the directory server is  
2 Highly Available (HA).

1           6.       (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising caching a  
2 local copy of the configuration information to facilitate configuration of the  
3 database when the database cannot connect to the directory server.

1           7.       (Cancelled)

1           8.       (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the user  
2 profile can include:  
3           a CPU quota for the user;

4 a disk quota for the user;  
5 a scheduling priority for the user; and  
6 a read/write/execute permission for the user.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the database  
2 configuration information can define a Security Admin (SA) role for the database.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the database server  
2 periodically queries the directory server for updated database configuration  
3 information for the database.

1 11. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing  
2 instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a  
3 method for configuring a database, the method comprising:  
4 requesting database configuration information from a directory server that  
5 stores configuration information for a plurality of database instances;  
6 in response to the request, receiving the database configuration  
7 information from the directory server;  
8 automatically configuring the database with the database configuration  
9 information received from the directory server;  
10 receiving a request for resources at the database from a user;  
11 determining if the user is an enterprise user;  
12 ~~if so,~~ querying the directory server for a user profile associated with the  
13 user;  
14 receiving the user profile from the directory server; and  
15 allocating resources to the user based on parameters specified in the user  
16 profile;

17           whereby the database server ~~can be~~is installed without manual  
18 configuration by a user.

1           12.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11,  
2 wherein the database is structured as a database server, and wherein the database  
3 configuration information includes service-related settings for the database server.

1           13.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11,  
2 wherein the database configuration option can include:  
3           an audit trail;  
4           a security model;  
5           a security protocol parameter;  
6           a maximum sessions parameter;  
7           a database block size;  
8           an optimization mode parameter; and  
9           an OLAP features parameter.

1           14.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11,  
2 wherein the configuration information can include an Access Control List (ACL),  
3 wherein the ACL lists objects and services available on the database server and  
4 which hosts have permissions to use the objects and the services.

1           15.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11,  
2 wherein the directory server is Highly Available (HA).

1           16.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11,  
2 wherein the method further comprises caching a local copy of the configuration

3 information to facilitate configuration of the database when the database cannot  
4 connect to the directory server.

1 17. (Cancelled)

1 18. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of  
2 claim 11, wherein the user profile can include:

3 a CPU quota for the user;

4 a disk quota for the user;

5 a scheduling priority for the user; and

6 a read/write/execute permission for the user.

1 19. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11,  
2 wherein the database configuration information can define a Security Admin (SA)  
3 role for the database.

1 20. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11,  
2 wherein the database server periodically queries the directory server for updated  
3 database configuration information for the database.

1 21. (Currently amended) An apparatus for configuring a database,  
2 comprising:

3 a request mechanism configured to request database configuration  
4 information from a directory server that stores configuration information for a  
5 plurality of database instances;

6 a receiving mechanism configured to receive the database configuration  
7 information from the directory server in response to the request;

8           a configuration mechanism configured to automatically configure the  
9 database with the database configuration information received from the directory  
10 server;  
11           a second receiving mechanism configured to receive a request for  
12 resources at the database from a user;  
13           a determination mechanism configured to determine if the user is an  
14 enterprise user;  
15           a querying mechanism configured to query the directory server for a user  
16 profile associated with the user ~~if the user is an enterprise user~~;  
17           a profile mechanism configured to receive the user profile from the  
18 directory server; and  
19           an allocation mechanism configured to allocate resources to the user based  
20 on parameters specified in the user profile.

1           22.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the database is  
2 structured as a database server, and wherein the database configuration  
3 information includes service-related settings for the database server.

1           23.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the database  
2 configuration option can include:  
3           an audit trail;  
4           a security model;  
5           a security protocol parameter;  
6           a maximum sessions parameter;  
7           a database block size;  
8           an optimization mode parameter; and  
9           an OLAP features parameter.

1           24.    (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the configuration  
2 information can include an Access Control List (ACL), wherein the ACL lists  
3 objects and services available on the database server and which hosts have  
4 permissions to use the objects and the services.

1           25.    (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the directory server  
2 is Highly Available (HA).

1           26.    (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a caching  
2 mechanism configured to cache a local copy of the configuration information to  
3 facilitate configuration of the database when the database cannot connect to the  
4 directory server.

1           27.    (Cancelled)

1           28.    (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the user  
2 profile can include:

- 3           a CPU quota for the user;
- 4           a disk quota for the user;
- 5           a scheduling priority for the user; and
- 6           a read/write/execute permission for the user.

1           29.    (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the database  
2 configuration information can define a Security Admin (SA) role for the database.

1           30.    (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the database server  
2 periodically queries the directory server for updated database configuration  
3 information for the database.